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The Preaching of St John the Baptist,
Alessandro Allori (1535-1607)

The Second Sunday in Advent

10 December 2023

High Mass

Our Church stands on the unceded traditional territory of the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation.

when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Pew Bible, p.599

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will

carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85

Benedixisti, Domine.

Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: / thou hast restored
the fortunes of Jacob.

² Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, / and covered all their
sin.

⁸ I will hearken what the Lord God will say: / for he shall speak peace
unto his people and to his saints, and unto them that turn their
heart to him.

⁹ Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him, / that glory may
dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Mercy and truth are met together: / righteousness and peace have
kissed each other.

¹¹ Truth springeth out of the earth; / and righteousness hath looked
down from heaven.

¹² Yea, the Lord shall give what is good; / and our land shall yield her
increase.

¹³ Righteousness shall go before him, / and shall direct his going in
the way.

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15

Pew Bible, p.1019

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the

heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

63 *Hark! a herald voice is sounding*

Merton

Gradual Proper

Out of Sion hath God appeared : in perfect beauty. *℟.* Gather my saints together unto me : those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice. Alleluia. Alleluia. *℣.* For the powers of heaven shall be shaken : and they shall see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

Pew Bible, p.836

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark, beginning at the first verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt

around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed p.6

Prayers of the People p.7

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The Peace p.9

Offertory Proper

Wilt not thou turn again, O God, and quicken us; that thy people may rejoice in thee : shew us thy mercy, O Lord; and grant us thy salvation.

Offertory Hymn

67 *On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry* **Winchester New**

Prayer over the Gifts

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CANON OF THE MASS

Sanctus and Benedictus p.12

Eucharistic Prayer pp.12-13

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Prayer of Humble Access p.14

Agnus Dei p.15

Communion Proper

Jerusalem, haste thee, and stand on high : and behold the joy and gladness that cometh unto thee from God thy Saviour.

Music at Communion

O Adonai (O Our Lord)

Plainsong

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

pp.17-18

Post-Communion Hymn

293 *There's a voice in the wilderness crying*

Ascension

The Angelus

p.19

Organ Postlude

Chaconne in G minor

Louis Couperin (1621-1661), arr. Bonnet

Cantor: Bruce Patterson

NOTES AND NOTICES

Join us for the Advent Procession with Carols tonight at 7pm.

Thank you to Donald Russell for playing the organ this morning.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Tuesday, December 12

9:30 am: Morning Prayer • 10:00 am: Mass, Book of Common Prayer

Thursday, December 14

9:00 am: Morning Prayer • 12:15 pm: Mass, Book of Common Prayer

Friday, December 15

7:00 am: Morning Prayer • 7:30 am: Mass, Book of Common Prayer

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 • Psalm 126 • 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 • John 1:6-8, 19-28

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